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Title	:	IMPROVED FRAGMENT ELIMINATION		
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STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

A telephonic interview was conducted in connection with the above-identified patent application on January 8, 2008. The substance of that interview is as follows:

Brief Description of the Nature of Any Exhibit Shown or Any Demonstration Conducted:

None.

Identification of the Claims Discussed:

Independent claims 1, 14, and 19.

Identification of the Specific Prior Art Discussed:

U.S. Patent No. 6,665,684 to Zait, et al.

Identification of the Principal Proposed Amendments of a Substantive Nature Discussed, Unless these are Already Described on the Interview Summary Form Completed by the Examiner:

The fragmentation expression expresses a content of one of the plurality of database payments, rather than "corresponds to" one of the plurality of database fragments as previously set out.

Brief Identification of the General Thrust of the Principal Arguments Presented to the Examiner:

Zait does not teach a hierarchal or "nested" structure at column 1, lines 38-67 as set out in the pending claims including at least one fragmentation expression e.g. " $[(f_1 > k_1) \text{ AND } (f_2 > k_2) \text{ OR } (f_3 < k_3)]$ " which is a boolean combination of one or more comparison predicates e.g. " $(f_1 > k_1), (f_2 > k_2), (f_3 < k_3)$ " wherein each of the comparison predicates defines a range of a fragmentation dimension basis function e.g. " $f_1, f_2, f_3$ ."

General Indication of any other Pertinent Matters Discussed:

None.

General Results or Outcome of the Interview:

Applicant will file an RCE together with an Amendment to clarify the independent claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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